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Application No.: 09/691,405

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For: PATTERN RECOGNITION
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In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 29, 2003 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.